



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 2481.1337-04

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Mathias GEHRMANN *et al.* ) Group Art Unit: 1644  
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Application No.: 08/989,896 ) Examiner: D. Saunders  
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Filed: December 12, 1997 )  
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For: *Fusion Proteins for Prodrug* )  
*Activation* )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition for a two month extension of time to reply to the Office  
Action of December 3, 2003. A fee of \$420.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge  
any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: May 3, 2004

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